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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY: NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE: MEETING
WITH SYRIANS, AUGUST 13.

1. USUN MISOFF MET WITH SYRIAN AMBASSADOR TO UN ALLAF
AND MFA OFFUA
ALSARESS AT BREAKFAST, MORNING AUGUST
13. THEY WERE JOINED BY FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM.
SYRIANS WERE EFFUSIVELY FRIENDLY, AND OFFERED FOLLOWING
OBSERVATIONS:

2. ISRAELI EXPULSION: ALTHOUGH PLO, AS REPORTED IN
COLOMBO PRESS AUGUST 13 (SEPTTEL), IS PUSHING FOR
ISRAELI EXPULSION, ARAB GROUP AS A WHOLE HAS AGREED THAT
THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NAM CONSENSUS ON THIS POINT IS NOT
POSSIBLE, IF EVEN DESIRABLE. ALLAF SEES EMERGENCE BR
LANGUAGE CLOSE TO THAT WHICH ORIGINATED AT LIMA, WITH
ADDITIONAL CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL FOR COOPERATION WITH SOUTH
AFRICA.

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3. ALLAF LISTENED PATIENTLY TO RECITAL OF US POSITIONS
ON OTHER ISSUES VITAL TO US. HE SAID THAT, WHILE SYRIA
APPRECIATES OUR VIEWS CONCERNING

MATTERS OF KOREA AND
PUERTO RICO, DAMASCUS ALSO NEEDED TO BE CONCERNED OVER
MUSTERING SUPPORT AMONG OTHERS FOR ISSUES DEAR TO SYRIA.

4. ALLAF OBSERVED THAT IRAQ HAD ATTEMPTED TO BRING UP
LEBANON QUESTION, AND THAT THAT MOVE AS WELL AS ALGERIA'S
"OBSESSION" WITH SAHARA, SHOWED WHAT WILL BECOME INEVITABLY
PUBLIC DIVISIONS AMONG THE ARABS AT COLOMBO. ALLAF
COMMENTED THAT ALGERIAN ROLE ON SAHARA WAS ERODING THEIR
GENERAL LEADERSHIP POSITION, AND THE YUGOSLAVIA HAD
BEEN TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THIS. SYRIA WISHES TO RETAIN
ITS MEMBERSHIP ON NACC.

5. CONCERNING ECONOMIC DECLARATION, ALLAF CONFIRMED OTHER
REPORTS TO EFFECT THAT THERE IS GENERAL DISINTEREST IN
DRAFTING EXERCISE, MAJOR CONTROVERSY BEING SIZE OF BELL
WITH WHICH WESTERN CAT IS TAGGED AS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIRD
WORLD UNE
HDEVELOPMENT.

6. FOLLOWING SESSION WITH SYRIANS, WE HAD OCCASION TO
CHAT CONCERNING US POSITIONS WITH LIBERIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER DENNIS, NIGERIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER
GARBA, AND CONGOLESE PERMREP TO NEW YORK MONDJO.

7. AFTER SEEING THEM, WE CALLED ON SOVIET DCM ARKHAROV,
OUTLINING OUR GENERAL INTERESTS AT NAC. ARKHAROV
OBSERVED THAT THERE WERE MANY SPLITS AMONG NON-ALIGNED,
PARTICULARLY AMONG ARABUEN PREDICTISLY ADDING THAT CHINESE
WERE UNFAIRLY ACCUSING MOSCOW OF FOSTERING THESE RIFTS.
ARKHAROV THEN LAUNCHED INTO DISCUSSION OF ANTI-UAFIET
RALLIES BY CHINESE IN COLOMBO.
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